

Subject: עדכון מפרופ' אשר כהן-סיום השביתה

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,Hi all

Hope you all heard that this long strike has finally ended. A few hours ago we reached an agreement, and the academic year (I presume) will start this Sunday. At some point tomorrow I will write a longer letter. Here I just want to briefly describe the agreement. All in all our salary will increase by 24.2 percent or so. We will receive 8.2 percent increase in this coming month and 8 percent each in the January 2009 and January 2010. Importantly, this increase is free of any commitment to the Shochat recommendations and without any pension reforms. It is far better than the initial percent that we were offered, a lot better than the proposal by 4.7 Adler from about two weeks ago, and better than the last proposal by VERA.

We did not manage to get a long term mechanism for the future despite our efforts to do so. We spent all of last night trying to find such an agreement. Unfortunately it turned out that the only mechanism that might work will significantly damage the pensioners' salary and we did not wish to take this direction. So eventually we decided to sign on a relatively short term agreement and avoid a total destruction of the semester. Of course, there are many more things to say about these issues. But, it is difficult

to write after a sleepless night. I will do it tomorrow

best, Asher

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